



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

DIVISION OF SPECIALIZED EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Thursday, March 28, 2013

810 First Street, NE
3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20002
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Monday, April 1, 2013

810 First Street, NE
3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20002
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Specialized Education, will hold public hearings to discuss a proposed policy entitled “Proposed Policies for Implementing Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.”

As the state education agency (SEA), OSSE is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part C (IDEA Part C) to develop policies that ensure compliance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These policies are proposed in order to ensure continued compliance with the federal regulations.

The proposed policy will be posted for a 60 day public comment period commencing Friday, February 15, 2013 and closing April 16, 2013. Two public hearings will be held. The first hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2013 from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. The second and final hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2013 from 1:30pm – 3:00pm. The comment period begins Friday, February 15, 2013 and concludes Tuesday, April 16, 2013. All comments received by 5 pm Tuesday, April 16, 2013 will be considered.

The following summary provides an overview of the proposed policy. Please note that this overview is provided for informational purposes only and highlights some sections of the policy. Persons are encouraged to read the proposed policy in full.

The proposed policies for Implementing Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act:

- Create an Early Intervention Services policy manual;



- Clarify the breadth and scope of the District of Columbia’s Early Intervention Services (EIS), and specifically the frequency of services, types of services, other services and qualified personnel;
- Provide assurances that resources are made available to all geographic areas within the District of Columbia in accordance with 34 CFR §303.203 and Title 5 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Subtitle A, Section 3114;
- Establish a system of payments which includes the services provided at no cost to families, the funding sources, the terms of use of public health care coverage/insurance (Medicaid), and parents’ rights;
- Provide a framework for methods to ensure the provision of, and financial responsibility for, Part C services, dispute resolution options and reimbursement procedures; and
- Review the eligibility criteria.

Persons wishing to review the proposed policy may also access them on the OSSE webpage at osse.dc.gov under Specialized Education – Policies and Regulations. This proposed policy, as well as all of OSSE’s special education policies and regulations can also be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Individuals wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Desirée Brown, Special Assistant, Community and Parent Relations, at 202-741-0271 or by e-mail at desiree.brown@dc.gov, no later than 5 pm on Monday, March 25, 2013 to be added to the witness list for the public hearing scheduled for March 28, 2013 hearing or no later than 5 pm Friday, March 29, 2013 for the hearing scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2013. An individual presenting will be limited to five (5) minutes in an effort to allow all individuals an opportunity to be heard. Persons representing an organization will be limited to a total presentation time of seven (7) minutes.

Individuals and organizations wishing to submit comments as part of the official record should send copies of the comments and any written testimony and statements no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 for the proposed rule on “Proposed Policies for Implementing Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act” to:

Ms. Desirée Brown, Special Assistant, Community and Parent Relations
“Proposed Policies for Implementing Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act”
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Individuals who do not register with OSSE prior to the hearing may testify based upon a first-come first-serve basis as time permits within the timeframes announced for each hearing. On-site assistance with registration will be available prior to each hearing.



Individuals may request an accommodation for a physical disability or language access in order to participate in the public hearing by contacting Desirée Brown no later than 2 pm March 18, 2013 for the March 28, 2013 public hearing or no later than 2 pm on Monday, March 25, 2013 for the April 1, 2013 public hearing.